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DOE NEGOTIATES WITH FLUOR TO POTENTIALLY EXTEND CLEANUP CONTRACT AT HANFORD SITE

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Richland Operations Office announced it has entered into negotiations with Fluor Hanford, Inc. (FHI) and its parent, Fluor Corporation to potentially exercise an option to extend its contract with DOE for clean up work at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State.

Fluor's current 5-year contract ends on September 30, 2001, and contains options for extending the contract up to five additional years in whatever increments best suit DOE's needs. Negotiations will proceed in parallel with DOE's evaluation of FHI's recent performance, especially with regard to the initial movement of spent nuclear fuel away from the Columbia River this year.

"As we continue examining alternate approaches to accelerating our clean up work at Hanford we are also examining our contracting options," said Keith A. Klein, Manager of DOE's Richland Operations Office. "We're looking at Fluor's performance during the past year on key cleanup activities as well as ideas for enhanced performance Fluor can provide in the future. Those will weigh heavily in any decision."

The Hanford clean up mission is focused on three specific outcomes that include restoring the Columbia River corridor, transitioning the site's Central Plateau to long-term waste management and treatment operations, and preparing for the future.

Depending on the success of the contracts negotiations and the ongoing performance evaluation, a recommendation to either exercise the option to extend or to competitively bid the contract will be made to the Secretary of Energy by the end of this calendar year.

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